

Mary Thompson Fund

England & Wales · Charity number 1112610

Details

Other names	THE MARY THOMPSON FUND (MTF), THE MARY THOMPSON FUND MIDDLESBOROUGH, MTF, Mary Thompson Fund
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2006-01-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE TEES VALLEY AREA WHO ARE IN HARDSHIP AND WHERE NO STATUTORY FUNDING IS AVAILABLE. (2) TO RELIEVE THOSE REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE TEES VALLEY AREA WHO ARE IN NEED THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A HARDSHIP FUND.

Activities: The Mary Thompson Fund was established to provide financial support for refugees and people seeking asylum in the Tees Valley who are in hardship, including where no statutory funding is available.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TEES VALLEY AREA
- Darlington
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough
- Redcar And Cleveland
- Stockton-on-tees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£70,575	£66,441	-	-
2023-12-31	£62,000	£52,000	-	-
2022-12-31	£50,000	£68,000	-	-
2021-12-31	£79,700	£48,208	-	-
2020-12-31	£41,253	£46,606	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER WIDLINSKI	Chair	
Alison Mary Smith		2016-04-16
Elizabeth Anne Wood		2013-11-05
Joseph Andrew Christopher Smith		2023-11-19
KATH SAINSBURY		
Lucie Fleming		2019-09-07
Maureen Hall		2013-11-05
Stephen Mark Nuttall		2021-10-16

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Income and expenditure 1/01/2024 - 31/12/2024

Donations by Standing Order

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec			
1371.00	1291.00	1191.00	1431.00	1251.00	1271.00	1316.00	1346.00	2318.00	1326.00	1144.00	2176.00	=	17,432.00	

Other donations

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec				
6039.25	428.00	1330.76	5450.00	300.00	700.00	5550.00	300.00	2468.00	6528.00	700.00	200.00	=	29,994.01		

Expenditure

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec			
4582	6840	11068	4399	5516	5190	4337	5359	5060	4704	3748	5638			66441

01/01/2024 B/F 23199.17

Total income:

Standing orders 17432

Other donations 29994.01

70625.18

Expenditure 66441

31/12/2024 c/f 4184.18

Trustees Report January – December 2024

Our charity continues to deliver a service to the most vulnerable in our community, many of whom have no recourse to public funds.

We are impacted by legislative changes to the immigration rules and policy decisions. During the summer of 2024 there was community unrest resulting in damage to homes, vehicles and businesses, but most importantly, our clients lived in a climate of fear for many months afterwards and additional funds were needed to cover safety-related transport, replacement of goods and increased communication needs.

Although we saw an increased demand, we also experienced an outpouring of public support and additional donations.

We have 8 Trustees who serve in a voluntary capacity and no-one takes any out of pocket expenses. We meet once a month to oversee the activities of the organisation and our Trustees run our monthly drop-ins where clients can collect emergency payments and food. Additional requests for food, toiletries, school uniform etc. are considered on a case by case basis. Payments fluctuate according to the funds available, which we believe reflects responsible financial management.

We support around 70 people from the refugee community and their families from around 28 countries.

October 2025

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Dear Trustees

I confirm that I have reviewed the income and outgoings of the Mary Thompson Fund for the year ended December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared from the accounting records and information provided to me by the trustees. I confirm that the accounts are consistent with those records and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the charity at the year end.

There was a marginal difference with the opening and closing balances of the bank however the amount is immaterial, so I am comfortable with the information which has been submitted. The opening balance which should be used at 1st January 2025 is £2,662.18.

Yours faithfully,



Rachel Bradley

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Report of the Acting Treasurer for the year 2023

This report marks a year of extreme difficulty for our friends seeking asylum who have been caught up in political controversy as government seeks to resolve what is perceived as the 'problem' of immigration. Many have relied on our support for a number of years because their asylum applications are caught up in a seemingly intractable backlog of cases.

General accompanying notes:

Requests for help were received from refugees from the following countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Honduras, India, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Palestine, Pakistan, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Whilst the majority of clients are single males, we also help many women, although the ratio is about 4:1. We are helping a number of families who have an entitlement to support under the asylum rules, but this does not cover material needs such as clothing and the cost of travel in order comply with Home Office terms of temporary admission.

Income:

By the end of December 2023, we were receiving a regular monthly income of £1,384 in Direct Debits which was supplemented by one-off donations, grants etc.

We have benefited from the fundraising efforts of others and over the last year our Chair has given talks for which we received specific donations from Stockton Soroptimists, Social Work Students and Rotary. In addition, we received donations from various faith groups who, in recognising the plight of our friends seeking asylum, have maintained their support despite their own difficult financial situations.

We have been able to include regular accessible payments to Hartlepool, Darlington and Redcar clients thanks to the willingness of our Vice-Chair to administer this through her outreach Caseworker role for Justice First.

We began the year with each client receiving £60 per month plus food, but close monitoring of our financial situation and forward budgeting means that payments can vary.

We express our gratitude for the continuing support grant from the Jill and Norman Franklin Trust which has provided stability, and enabled us to maintain payments (calculated on a weekly basis, but paid monthly) and also helped us to meet the additional needs of clients, for example the cost of school uniforms. Other significant support has come from the Teesside Charity and K Home International.

A previous successful bid to the National Lottery 'Awards for All' yielded a grant of £1,400 to assist with developing a website and updating an information leaflet. Although this has actually taken many months to progress, we finally launched the new-look website at the end of the year.

We have responded to various additional pressures (cost of living, drop in donations) which have impacted particularly harshly upon our clients.

Expenditure:

In addition to the regular hardship payments made on a monthly basis which have helped around 70 destitute people registered as having no recourse to public funds, we have spent £3,890 on food and toiletries. This is an increase of approximately £1,000 on the previous year, attributable mainly to the increase in the cost of living. Other items were donated from local business, community supporters and a regular significant donation of shopping vouchers from one individual supporter. There is also a scheme whereby local customers buy fairly traded rice through a local Fairtrade agent, and donate it for our clients. It is mainly our Middlesbrough clients who benefit from this spend as the 'Melting Pot' volunteers who run the Stockton Drop-in receive food donations from St Nicholas Church in Durham.

We pride ourselves that every penny raised goes to help our vulnerable clients, but although Trustees are generous with their time and commitment to our work, we don't think it acceptable that they should be substantially out of pocket, so around £300.00 was spent on administrative costs – printing ink and postage. We do not have any paid staff, and only recently were asked to contribute £650 towards the use of council premises which had previously been free to use .

We could not manage without our wonderful volunteers. Sadly, we cannot reward them financially, but they do receive reimbursement for any costs they incur when volunteering, plus entitlement to a destitution payment where appropriate.

We were able to liaise with other organisations including receiving referrals from Red Cross, the local authorities and local charity, Purple Rose who provided what amounted to hundreds of hot meals on several occasions for which MTF paid per head and felt was good value for money. This 'taste of home' was much welcomed and enjoyed by clients.

Trustees considered approximately 68 applications for assistance for needs including: School Uniforms, Education & Training, essential clothing, household goods, medical needs, help with household arrears, 'phone top-ups, travel to appointments, translation of documents to assist asylum claims, photographs for Home Office documents and additional needs for children (trips etc).

Mary Thompson Fund Jan – Dec 2023

Statement of Accounts 2023 for account number 20103929

MTF financial record for 2023				
Month	Start Balance	Payments in	withdrawals	Finish Balance
January	£13,298.53	4837.80	4885.72	£13,250.61
February	£13,250.61	3538.00	3190.00	£13,598.61
March	£13,598.61	3929.94	4173.31	£13,355.24
April	£13,355.24	6856.00	4235.56	£15,975.68
May	£15,975.68	3748.00	5537.46	£14,186.22
June	£14,186.22	2618.50	2348.00	£14,456.72
July	£14,456.72	7461.00	4498.11	£17,419.61
August	£17,419.61	4311.00	3756.78	£17,973.83
September	£17,973.83	2721.00	3640.95	£17,053.88
October	£17,053.88	17031.00	3096.87	£30,988.01
November	£30,988.01	3011.00	7378.14	£26,620.87
December	£26,620.87	2036.00	5507.70	£23,149.17

Opening balance: 13,298.53

Total credits: 62,099.24

total debits: 52,248.60

Closing balance: 23,149.17

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Report of the Treasurer for the year 2022

I am pleased to present my first Annual Report as Treasurer for Mary Thompson Fund, a position I shadowed initially before taking full responsibility in January 2022.

General accompanying notes:

In addition to the ongoing requests for help which were received from refugees from the following countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Nigeria, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, we have added clients to our list from India, Palestine, Benin, Malawi, Mozambique, Brazil, St. Kitts, Burundi, Ukraine, Hungary, Mali, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Our friends from Lithuania and Ghana have resolved their status and no longer receive our support. There are also exceptional circumstances where a British national may claim on behalf of a spouse or family member of a different nationality who is without recourse to public funds and in need of help.

Income:

We receive a regular monthly income of £1,076 in Direct Debits which is marginally reduced from last year, but may reflect the general struggles our supporters experience with the cost of living. This regular income is augmented by one-off donations, grants etc.

We have benefited from the fundraising efforts of others over the year. A number of our supporters enjoyed a wonderful performance: 'Rockin' for Refugees' which raised several hundred pounds and won us many friends. Our Chair continues to give talks for which we receive specific donations.

We have been able to include regular accessible payments to Hartlepool clients thanks to the willingness of our Vice-Chair to administer this through her outreach Caseworker role for Justice First. We have also made a significant number of grants to refugee clients within the Borough of Redcar and Cleveland as the local authority has expanded its hosting of refugees under Resettlement Schemes for Syrians and those fleeing the horrors of Afghanistan.

As the year progressed and donations fluctuated, we adjusted our monthly destitution payments accordingly. Spending was closely monitored to ensure that periods of demand (eg school uniform applications at the start of the school term) could be accommodated.

We continued to receive a grant from the Jill Franklin Trust which, along with regular direct debits, has ensured that our core needs were covered.

We have found that despite the hostility towards refugees generated by government rhetoric, help for our charity has not diminished and we are heartened by the messages we receive expressing compassion and support.

Expenditure:

In addition to the regular hardship payments made on a monthly basis which have helped around 75 destitute people registered as having no recourse to public funds, we have spent around £3,000 on food and toiletries, with other items being donated from local business and community supporters (for example, we received donations of sanitary items from local Soroptimists). We have also established a reciprocal arrangement with the local Food Bank which swaps unwanted cans of chickpeas for baked beans!

Our regular newsletter to supporters is now largely distributed online, although we still have a handful of people who prefer to receive a hard copy. The only administrative costs incurred relate to a small amount of postage and printing ink.

We could not manage without our wonderful volunteers. Sadly, we cannot reward them financially, but they do receive reimbursement for any costs they incur when volunteering, plus entitlement to a destitution payment where appropriate.

Over the course of 2022, volunteers made emergency payments to 185 clients in Stockton & Middlesbrough, with a further 20 payments in Hartlepool and periodic payments to clients in Darlington and Redcar. Clients came from 47 different countries, demonstrating how unstable our world has become. We also gave additional food and toiletry supplies to those in need who may not necessarily have qualified for cash.

We were able to liaise with local charity, Purple Rose who provided what amounted to hundreds of hot meals on several occasions for which MTF paid per head and felt was good value for money. This 'taste of home' was much welcomed and enjoyed by clients. We secured funding from The Teesside Charity to support this.

Trustees considered 60 applications for assistance for needs including: School Uniforms, Education & Training, essential clothing, household goods, medical needs, help with household arrears, 'phone top-ups, travel to

appointments, translation of documents to assist asylum claims, photographs for Home Office documents and additional needs for children (trips etc).

2022 saw the relaxation of covid restrictions and although the current Middlesbrough drop-in premises do not allow for additional storage or activities, we continue to explore opportunities to expand the service we provide to our friends seeking asylum.

Mary Thompson Fund Jan - Dec 2022
Statement of Accounts 2022 for account number 20103929

Month	Balance start	Balance end	Income	Expenditure
January -2022	£ 33,477.87	£ 34,176.14	£ 5,111.75	£ 4,413.48
February - 2022	£ 34,176.14	£ 28,991.16	£ 4,200.00	£ 9,384.98
March-2022	£ 28,991.16	£ 25,808.82	£ 4,001.00	£ 7,003.34
April -2022	£ 25,808.82	£ 17,977.16	£ 3,181.00	£ 10,677.66
May-22	£ 17,977.16	£ 10,340.22	£ 3,548.54	£ 11,205.48
June -2022	£ 10,340.22	£ 13,440.22	£ 3,173.00	£ 73.00
July-2022	£ 13,440.22	£ 5,157.95	£ 3,316.80	£ 11,599.07
August-2022	£ 5,157.95	£ 7,018.95	£ 3,361.00	£ 1,500.00
September-2022	£ 7,270.95	£ 11,610.95	£ 6,638.75	£ 1,628.00
October -20 2	£ 12,029.70	£ 14,527.20	£ 4,337.50	£ 1,840.00
November-2022	£ 14,527.20	£ 14,346.81	£ 4,046.00	£ 4,226.39
December - 2022	£ 14,346.81	£ 13,298.53	£ 4,371.00	£ 5,419.28

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Pivot of Transaction from Bank Download													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Debit / Credit													
Credit	£ 5.00	£ 4,200.00	£ 3,821.00	£ 3,181.00	£ 3,568.54	£ 3,173.00	£ 3,316.80	£ 3,361.00	£ 6,638.75	£ 4,337.50	£ 4,046.00	£ 4,371.00	£ 44,019.59
Debit	-£ 293.00	-£ 9,384.98	-£ 7,003.34	-£ 11,012.66	-£ 11,205.48	-£ 73.00	-£ 11,599.07	-£ 1,500.00	-£ 1,628.00	-£ 1,840.00	-£ 4,226.39	-£ 5,419.28	-£ 65,185.20
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Grand Total	-£ 288.00	-£ 5,184.98	-£ 3,182.34	-£ 7,831.66	-£ 7,636.94	£ 3,100.00	-£ 8,282.27	£ 1,861.00	£ 5,010.75	£ 2,497.50	-£ 180.39	-£ 1,048.28	-£ 21,165.61
Balance	£ 34,176.14	£ 28,991.16	£ 25,808.82	£ 17,977.16	£ 10,340.22	£ 13,440.22	£ 5,157.95	£ 7,018.95	£ 12,029.70	£ 14,527.20	£ 14,341.81	£ 13,298.53	

Summary Document - Copy of Figures													
Month	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Total
Balance start	£33,477.87	£34,176.14	£28,991.16	£25,808.82	£17,977.16	£10,340.22	£13,440.22	£5,157.95	£7,270.95	£12,029.70	£14,527.20	£14,346.81	
Balance end	£34,176.14	£28,991.16	£25,808.82	£17,977.16	£10,340.22	£13,440.22	£5,157.95	£7,018.95	£11,610.95	£14,527.20	£14,346.81	£13,298.53	
Income	£5,111.75	£4,200.00	£4,001.00	£3,181.00	£3,548.54	£3,173.00	£3,316.80	£3,361.00	£6,638.75	£4,337.50	£4,046.00	£4,371.00	£49,286.34
Expenditure	£4,413.48	£9,384.98	£7,003.34	£10,677.66	£11,205.48	£73.00	£11,599.07	£1,500.00	£1,628.00	£1,840.00	£4,226.39	£5,419.28	£68,970.68

Validation													
Balance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£418.75	£0.00	(£5.00)	£0.00	
Credit	(£5,106.75)	£0.00	(£180.00)	£0.00	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	(£5,266.75)
Debit	£4,120.48	£0.00	£0.00	(£335.00)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,785.48

1. Bank Transactions run from 31st January - so do not include January Transactions

2. March - Income on bank is £180 less than stated.

3. April - debit on the bank is £335 greater than stated.

4. May - income on bank is £20 higher

5. September - opening balance does not match closing balance for August and closing balance is £418.75 out, correct figure for Oct opening balance

6. November - closing balance is £5 out and opening balance for December is also incorrect.

7. Year total can not be confirmed as Jan transactions are missing.

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Report of the Acting Treasurer for the year 2021

This report marks a year of exceptional sadness for everyone associated with the Mary Thompson Fund. Our Treasurer, a Socialist, a Humanist, a Feminist and a devoted campaigner for refugee rights died in August. Her illness had forced her to officially resign in February and from that point it was agreed that the Secretary would 'hold the financial fort' until a new Treasurer could be recruited.

This proved to be more difficult than any of us would have hoped. Even our Treasure, in true selfless fashion, actively tried to encourage one of our former clients with accounting skills to take on the role, but for all sorts of practical reasons, this wasn't possible. Eventually, Stephen Nuttall graciously accepted the position and was formally ratified at the October Trustees meeting. One of the first jobs which he kindly undertook was to assist in the completion of the Annual Return to the Charities Commission.

It was agreed that as Acting Treasurer would complete the 2021 accounts so that Stephen could take over from 1st January with a 'clean sheet'.

General accompanying notes:

Requests for help were received from refugees from the following countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Nigeria, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

Income:

We receive a regular monthly income of £1,153 in Direct Debits which is augmented by one-off donations, grants etc.

We have benefited from the fundraising efforts of others and over the last year our Chair has given talks for which we received specific donations from Middlesbrough Soroptimists and Yarm Lions. In addition, we received donations from Saltburn Labour Party and the friends of one of our Trustees whose friends kindly donated to MTF in lieu of gifts, to mark a very special birthday!

We have been able to include regular accessible payments to Hartlepool clients thanks to the willingness of our Vice-Chair to administer this through her outreach Caseworker role for Justice First.

We began the year with each client receiving £45 per month which comprised a £10 per week emergency payment plus, in recognition of the need to be in touch with family and friends during covid, an additional £5 for 'phone calls. Spending was closely monitored by the Treasurer who reminded us that this level of expenditure may not be sustainable, so we had a brief period when payments were reduced.

In February our High Interest Account was closed and the £17,000 balance was transferred to the main account.

In April we were extremely grateful to receive a generous grant for £30,000 from the Jill Franklin Trust which has provided stability, relieved the need for frantic fundraising, enabled us to restore weekly payments of £10 to each client and provided a fund to meet the additional needs of clients, for example the cost of school uniforms.

Also, in April we received a Gift Aid payment of £1432.43 from HMRC.

An application in May to the National Lottery Awards for All yielded a grant of £1,400 to assist with developing a website and updating an information leaflet. This is still in progress as there was an issue with the website using 'PayPal' for any donations to MTF, which remains unresolved, but which Stephen has undertaken to look into.

We were touched and grateful in June to receive a donation from the estate of our late Secretary who had served as a Trustee in the early years.

In August, as the world was shocked by the emerging brutality of the Taliban, our supporters simply increased their donations and we have been able to respond to local requests for help as a result.

We received a number of donations to help cover legal costs for a Nigerian family whose plight had touched the hearts of a support group in East Cleveland.

A gift in memory our Treasurer was tinged with sadness, but received from her family with gratitude.

Expenditure:

In addition to the regular hardship payments made (since covid restrictions) on a monthly basis which have helped around 75 destitute people registered as having no recourse to public funds, we have spent £2,948 on food and

toiletries, with other items being donated from local business, community supporters and a regular significant donation of shopping vouchers from one individual supporter. There is also a scheme whereby local customers buy fairly traded rice and donate it for our clients. It is mainly our Middlesbrough clients who benefit from this spend as the 'Melting Pot' volunteers who run the Stockton Drop-in receive food donations from St Nicholas Church in Durham.

We pride ourselves that every penny raised goes to help our vulnerable clients, but although Trustees are generous with their time and commitment to our work, we don't think it acceptable that they should be substantially out of pocket, so this year £108.46 was spent on administrative costs which included the cost of printing covid letters for clients, newsletters for those registered supporters without the technology to receive online information and postage.

We also bought face masks and hand sanitiser to keep our Drop-in volunteers and clients safe during the pandemic.

We could not manage without our wonderful volunteers. Sadly, we cannot reward them financially, but they do receive reimbursement for any costs they incur when volunteering, plus entitlement to a destitution payment where appropriate.

Over the course of 2021, notwithstanding the limited nature of our operations due to lockdown and other restrictions, volunteers made emergency payments to clients on 733 occasions, with a further 20 payments in Hartlepool and additional food supplies given to those in need who may not necessarily have qualified for cash.

We were able to liaise with local charity, Purple Rose who provided what amounted to hundreds of hot meals on several occasions for which MTF paid per head and felt was good value for money. This 'taste of home' was much welcomed and enjoyed by clients.

Trustees considered 39 applications for assistance for needs including: School Uniforms, Education & Training, essential clothing, household goods, medical needs, help with household arrears, 'phone top-ups, travel to appointments, translation of documents to assist asylum claims, photographs for Home Office documents and additional needs for children (trips etc).

Mary Thompson Fund Jan - Dec 2021
Statement of Accounts 2021 for account number 20103929

Date	income	expenditure	Balance
1 st January '21			
	credits	debits	
January	1,706.44	3,000.00	-1293.56
February	19,129.26	4,400.00	14,729.26
March	1,761.85	2,618.00	-856.15
April	5,520.43	2,582.85	2937.58
May	5,558.00	3,900.00	1658.00
June	7,131.61	4,018.00	3113.61
July	4,383.00	5,076.70	-693.70
August	6,732.17	1,485.00	5247.17
September	11,370.93	6,453.26	4917.67
October	5,597.50	3,499.84	2097.66
November	5,699.64	7,775.00	-2075.36
December	5,109.25	3,400.00	1,709.25
Total:	79,700.08	48,208.65	34,861.71
	Opening balance: 3,370.28		
	Credits: 79,700.08	Debits: 48,208.65	

	Total:	83,070.36	Balance 31.12.21:	34,861.71	
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Bank statements January -December 2021

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Accounts

Annual Report to accompany accounts for the period 1/01/2020 - 31/12/2020

We began the year with caution, being mindful of the need to be prudent with our funds. We remain grateful to our supporters who give regularly, maintaining a monthly guaranteed income of just over £1,000 and enabling us to sustain the £5 emergency payments and food which we offer on a weekly basis to around 100 clients experiencing hardship.

Other pressures on our funds include regular applications to help with school uniforms, educational expenses and travel costs, in order to attend appointments with the Home Office.

Our regular income is augmented by periodic grants and fundraising.

Our last fundraising event, a coffee morning in March to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight and International Women's Day, was a great success, but sadly proved to be our last, as the Covid - 19 pandemic resulted in a lockdown which proved devastating for many.

This caused great hardship to our needy clients, who did not have easy access to the social and family networks which would have provided emotional and practical support.

However, a number of local grant-making charities recognised the impact on vulnerable people and made funding available as a matter of urgency to meet their specific needs. We were extremely grateful.

We made successful bids through Lempringle, Catalyst, Awards for All and Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation. We also received some extremely generous individual donations which enabled us to buy additional food items, plus the protective items that were essential in order to keep our clients safe during the lockdown, like hand sanitiser and masks.

During this period, in order to protect our volunteers, Trustees took the decision to operate our Drop-ins on a monthly basis to minimise risk of transmitting the disease (at one point, Middlesbrough had the highest rates of infection in the UK) and we increased the £5 payment to £10 in recognition that clients may not always be able to access the cheapest shops.

One advantage of these arrangements was that homeless people were given accommodation, which was of a great help to asylum seekers with no recourse to public funds.

Our premises in Broadcasting House offered limited storage space and because the pandemic meant that handling of food items was discouraged, we were able also to offer additional cash to compensate. Sadly, safety concerns resulted in us curtailing our normal activities and laying off our volunteers.

Although services were reduced, we were still able to signpost to other agencies where our clients could be helped. We were also able to give clients regular updates and helpful information about local developments with contact details.

We have been very grateful for a considerable number of unsolicited donations from our supporters and beyond – Taylors of Harrogate donated tea bags and SVP donated 50 Aldi vouchers.

Our long-serving Treasurer, Veronica Wallace resigned her post at the AGM and Barbara Hawkins expressed a willingness to take on the role.

There continues to be a historic disparity between the accounting requirements of the Constitution and the Charities Commission.

During the year we had enjoyed a positive relationship with out-going Police and Crime Commissioner Barry Coppinger who during his tenure in the post had supported our work.

At our September AGM we appointed Suzanne Horner to the role of Independent Examiner:

As lockdown eased, we became aware of forced evictions, and have tried to plan for increased demand.

We have liaised with another local charity who have provided hot meals for clients, which we were able to commission as part of a specific funding bid. In addition to our regular food distribution, and the take-away meal, we supplied our clients with hand sanitiser and face masks, as we are mindful that people sleeping rough or sharing crowded accommodation face particular problems with social distancing and keeping safe during the pandemic, and we didn't want anyone to be excluded, or miss the opportunity to collect a hot meal because they couldn't comply with safety procedures.

We continue to monitor the Mental Health of our clients as a result of the impact of Covid and to meet any additional financial outlay this may generate. Many of our clients lack finance to access technology, which is important in areas of communication, health and wellbeing. Many of the services on which our clients rely are no longer offering face to face appointments. We are mindful to recognise this in our future planning.

Acting Treasurer

Kath Sainsbury

24th October 2021

Account Balances

Cash and Asset Account balances (in GB Pounds)
Opening Balance at: 01/01/2020 | Closing Balance at: 31/12/2020

Bank	Opening	Closing	Difference
C A F	0.00	224.00	224.00
Current	5,644.25	3,360.90	-2,283.35
Instant Access *	20,616.20	17,000.00	-3,616.20
Bank Total	26,260.45	20,584.90	-5,675.55

Credit Card	Opening	Closing	Difference
Credit Card Total	0.00	0.00	0.00

Liability	Opening	Closing	Difference
Liability Total	0.00	0.00	0.00

Assets	Opening	Closing	Difference
Assets Total	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total (Opening): 26,260.45
Total (Closing): 20,584.90
Total (Difference): -5,675.55

* I have transferred £ 3,616.20 from Instant Access to the Current Account.

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Income and Expense by Category

From 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020 (in GB Pounds)

Category (Income)	
Credit Interest	38.18
Donation	32,401.39
Giftaided Donation	8,860.29
Test	0.01
Total Income	41,299.87
Category (Expense)	
Bank Charge	-77.40
Cash	-36,522.59
Charges Miscellaneous	-226.52
Excess	-344.28
Food	-2,437.30
Hand Sanitisers	-970.89
Ink	-293.55
JPL	-3,000.00
Justice 1st	-150.00
Justice 1st float	-900.00
Masks	-889.82
Misc Exp	-0.14
Paper,	-10.40
Plastic Bags	-21.76
Postage	-130.00
Refugee Presents	-463.98
Total Expenses	-46,438.63

Total: -5,138.76

Auditors Report

This is still in progress.